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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors and Authorizers

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: Gallup Student Poll

Now that school is in full swing, I would like to share an exciting no-cost opportunity that has been offered by Gallup, Inc. In 2009, Gallup piloted a school-based online survey for students in grades 5 through 12 that measures three student-centric elements: hope, engagement, and wellbeing. These elements have been shown to be related to student outcomes that predict student success in academic and general youth development settings.

While educators devote most work days teaching and supporting students, far too often a missing part of our education dialogue is the students' voice. Gallup's dynamic tool gives students a forum to express their opportunities and challenges and provides educators with a deeper understanding of how to foster the best in students and improve the conditions that promote learning and growth.

We spend our lives teaching children that words have meaning. We have an opportunity to listen to students and give their words both meaning and flight.

I urge districts and schools to encourage all students to take a few minutes to complete this meaningful survey. Both schools and students will benefit.

Additional information on the Gallup Student Poll is attached.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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GALLUP Student Poll

The Gallup Student Poll takes 10 minutes on average to complete, is provided at no cost to public school districts and is confidential. Districts and schools may choose one of three survey periods. Students can complete the survey **Tuesday through Friday** during school hours in which ever survey period is selected. Survey periods include:

- Tuesday, October 4 through Friday, October 21, 2011
- Tuesday, October 11 through Friday, October 28, 2011
- Tuesday, October 18 through Friday, November 4, 2011

The poll is administered and the results are aggregated and analyzed by Gallup within two to three weeks of the close of the poll. Only primary account users for the district and schools will be provided access to their results. Gallup does not share school or district data without the expressed permission from the school or district, therefore, distribution is at the discretion of the participating district or school.

To register or for additional information, please visit <http://www.gallupstudentpoll.com>. If you require technical assistance, it is available via e-mail at studentpoll@gallup.com, or by phone at **866.346.4408**.

Gallup has also agreed to host a webinar for those of you who might have questions.

Webinar information: ***Measuring Hope, Engagement & Wellbeing in Michigan***

Host(s):	Dr. Valerie Calderon, Gallup
Date & Time:	Wed, Oct 12, 2011
Time:	3:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time
Meeting Type:	Web & Audio
Dial-In Number(s):	U.S. & Canada: 866.740.1260
Access Code:	9386602
Registration Link:	https://cc.readytalk.com/r/6inz0euzzm45